

## Appreciation Day BLAZE honors retirees with shopping, health screening

**Airman Cecilia Rodriguez**  
Public affairs

Retired military members from all branches of service and their families are invited to attend Columbus AFB's annual Retiree Appreciation Day Oct. 4.

The event keeps retirees up to date on their military entitlements and reminds them Columbus AFB is still proud of the contributions they've made and continue to make to the community.

Registration and a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at the Columbus Club will start the day's activities, followed by a welcome from Col. Steve Schmidt, 14th Flying Training Wing commander.

Retirees will receive information from 17 different agencies, including legal, dental and finance offices, Veteran's Administration, Survivor's Benefit Program, Health and Wellness Center and family support center from 9:15-11:15 a.m.

Tours of the new base housing and aircraft static displays will also be given. Drawings will be held throughout this time for five \$50 gift certificates to the base exchange.

A lunch buffet including barbecue pork, baked chicken, potato salad, cole slaw and baked beans will be served for \$8 a person at 11:30 a.m.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Lonnie Arnold, Retiree Council representative for Area IX, is also scheduled to speak on the Survivor Benefit Plan, TRICARE and the development of "concurrent receipt," which concerns retirement and disability benefits.

Retirees are invited to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony in front of the Commissary at 1:30 p.m., followed by specials and entertainment.

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## 14th MSS retains trophy

Columbus AFB had 57 donors and obtained 68 units of blood during the Aug. 29 blood drive. Only three percent of eligibles donated - partly because the flying schedule prevented many from being able to give, according to the 14th Medical Group and United Blood Services, who sponsored the drive.

For the third time in a row, Lt. Col. Jim Davis' 14th Mission Support Squadron took the "Gift of Life" trophy.

Col. Steve Schmidt, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, said the donations were appreciated and sorely needed.

"Last week, I attended the Red Cross' annual meeting and learned that they are really hurting for blood and for resources," he said. "The Mississippi blood supply is close to empty. They have a one-day supply."

Blood donated at the drive is valued at \$10,000.

## Mission Report

As of Wednesday

T-1A Goal: 2120.0 hrs. Flown: 2131.6 hrs. T-37 Goal: 2469 Flown: 2629 T-38C Goal: 1361 Flown: 1330

Flying hours: Mon-Tue: NO FLY; Wed-Thu: 6:30 a.m.-6:51 p.m.; Oct. 3: 6:34 a.m.-6:49 p.m.



1st Lt. Richard Blakewood

**A-10s from Pope AFB, N.C., taxi to the old Strategic Air Command ramp Wednesday morning. Two C-130s and a Warthog squadron evacuated to Columbus AFB in anticipation of Hurricane Isabel.**

## Isabel sends Pope aircraft inland

**Airman Cecilia Rodriguez**  
Public affairs

Columbus AFB mobilized to accommodate 29 aircraft from Pope AFB, N.C., during a hurricane evacuation operation which began Sept. 17.

Two C-130s and 27 A-10s from Pope AFB took refuge at the Strategic Air Command alert ramp to avoid the severe weather generated by Hurricane Isabel.

CAFB officials received 32 hours notice to organize a reception that had no adverse impact on normal training operations. True operational deployments often take up to two month's coordination, said Lt. Col Mike Martel, 14th Flying Training Wing chief of plans.

Several organizations contributed to the successful mission, said Colonel Martel.

The 14th Flying Training Wing Communications Squadron was responsible for transforming the SAC facility into an operational center.

Dedicated phone lines and high-speed Internet access were established, as well as radio systems to aid in-flight and ground support communication.

The 14th Flying Training Wing Operations Support Squadron coordinated with the supervisor of flying, air traffic control tower and radar approach control facility to establish landing runway direction and preferred arrival routes. These

plans optimized arrival and taxi plans to ensure smooth flow of air traffic. Transit alert personnel directed aircraft movement and parking.

The 14th Flying Training Wing Security Forces Squadron provided additional security for the aircraft.

The 14th Flying Training Wing Services Squadron primarily provided lodging for the advance party and follow-on personnel, and welcomed them with information about Columbus as they arrived, said Capt. Georgeann White, 14th Flying Training Wing combat support flight commander.

Services not only took care of visiting personnel, but the CAFB workforce, as well.

Breakfast was provided for those working the morning the flights arrived. The squadron also created a lounge area within the transformed SAC facility, complete with microwaves, coffee pots and a television set.

People were very proactive and did what they could to make the mission operate as smoothly as possible, said Captain White.

Colonel Martel said, "This base is known for training future pilot warriors, but the current support warriors of Columbus Air Force Base made the operation successful by proficiently performing the same tasks that would be asked of them in a deployed environment."



Airman Cecilia Rodriguez

**Stepping up**  
Newly promoted Tech. Sgt. Brian Bailey, 14th Medical Operations Squadron flight medicine NCO in charge, measures the vital signs of Airman 1st Class Tiara Glover, 14th MDOS flight medicine medical technician. Col. Steve Schmidt, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, promoted Sergeant Bailey Sept. 16 under Stripes for Exceptional Performers in recognition of his work at the clinic and during a seven-month deployment to Kuwait.

## RETIREES (Continued from Page 1)

The BX and Commissary will offer a number of exclusive savings, the Columbus High School Band will perform, working dogs will demonstrate skills and additional prize drawings will be held.

"This is going to be a wonderful event," said Bill Maddox, retiree activities director. "We are expecting more than 100 people. Newsletters about the event were distributed within a 100-mile radius of Columbus AFB, and even though the R.S.V.P. cut-off date has passed, we are still accepting responses."

For more information, call Lt. Sharon Gregory at Ext. 2596, or Bill Maddox at Ext. 3120.

## Instructor pilots help locate downed civilian plane, pilot

**Airman Boto Best**  
Public affairs

Two instructor pilots with the 37th Flying Training Squadron recently helped find a civilian plane that landed in a field near Reform, Ala.

First Lieutenants Thomas Hunt and Andrew DeSantis were on an instructor training mission from Columbus, Miss. to Tuscaloosa, Ala. Aug. 29 when the Columbus AFB Radar Approach Control facility called and asked them to look for a Cessna 182 they had lost contact with.

"We just happened to be in the right place at the right time," said Lieutenant Hunt.

Andy Gilley, 14th Operations Support Squadron air traffic controller, was on the job at the RAPCON the day the plane went down.

"We use radar and a transponder to monitor air traffic and communicate with planes. The pilot, on his way to Atlanta, had tried to call and had lost contact. I noticed that he had reversed his course, was circling and was losing altitude. His engine was already frozen, and so I knew he was coming down," Mr. Gilley said. "I also knew these two T-37 pilots were in the area, so I radioed them for help."

Lieutenant DeSantis said the plane was not easy to find.

"We had done about three or four orbits and were on our way back when we spotted them," he said.

The lieutenants lowered their T-37 to about 1,000 feet to find that the civilian pilot had made a forced landing in a field. The pilot and his passenger were walking across the field toward a trailer home. The civilians signaled to the T-37 pilots that they were okay. The lieutenants in turn called the Search and

Rescue Combat Air Patrol and gave them directions to the grounded plane.

"It was fortunate that we were both instructor pilots who were experienced at flying and communicating with RAPCON," said Lieutenant Hunt. "There are set procedures for rescuing military aircraft, but not civilian ones, and RAPCON pretty much gave us carte blanche to fly anywhere in the area to find the plane. We were flying a T-37, which was really ideal for the task because it can fly at a slow speed and maintain great visibility. But it was still, for both of us, our first time doing something like this.

"SRCAP is really trained to operate in a combat zone, and civilian search and rescue is not an official Columbus AFB function. I definitely have more respect now for the job that they do because, even flying at low altitudes, it's pretty hard to see.

"From what we could see, it was a mechanical failure in the engine, not a pilot error, and he handled it very well. If you can walk away from something like that, you did well," said Lieutenant Hunt.

Lieutenant DeSantis agreed that the civilian pilot did a remarkable job.

"What stood out to me was how the civilian pilot landed in a field that was 500 feet long without crashing," he said.

Lieutenant Hunt said that at the time, it was fun to break away from the normal routine.

"We didn't really think anything would come of it," he said. "With as much air traffic as we have in the area, it's amazing how rare events like these are. But it's another way the base helps the community - not just economically, but in situations like these. Any of the other instructor pilots would do the same."



Airman Alexis Lloyd

## Make mine medium

**BLAZE team members line up for burgers at a basewide picnic earlier in the year. The 2003 year-end Appreciation Celebration is scheduled for Sept. 30 behind the community center.**



## NEWS BRIEFS

### HAWC closure

The Health and Wellness Center will close from 3 to 4 p.m. today to attend flight call.

### FY '03 closeout deadlines

Settlement vouchers for September TDYs must be filed within two days of completion, requests for civilian overtime in September must be forwarded to Phyllis Caudill at the finance office, and MOGAS fill-ups (except for emergency and commanders' vehicles) must be completed by noon Monday.

### TMO closure

The Traffic Management Office will be closed for training every Wednesday from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. For information call Dejuan Webb at Ext. 2684.

### Supply closure

Base supply will be closed for annual inventory Wednesday through Oct. 3. Emergency purchases will be processed. For information call Howard Ferguson at Ext. 7164.

### Cargo movement

Organizations shipping items through the surface freight/cargo movement office must use the web-based DD Form 1149 beginning Wednesday. For information call Ext. 7268 or 7263.

### AFSA meeting

The Air Force Sergeants Association is scheduled to meet at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in the Community Activities Center.

### CAIB forum

The Community Action Information Board is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. Oct. 6 at the Columbus Club. The CAIB is an open forum, headed by the 14th Flying Training Wing commander, to discuss base improvement

### Spouses club meeting

The Columbus Officers' Spouses' Club social is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Oct. 14 at the Columbus Club. The Halloween Bingo program will be hosted by spouses of the 50th Flying Training Squadron and feature a Mediterranean buffet. Cost is \$10.50 per person (Columbus Club members receive a \$2 discount) and new members are welcome. To register, call Lisa Davis at 434-8723 or e-mail airtex60@yahoo.com by noon Oct. 7.

### Enlisted dining out

An enlisted dining out is scheduled for Nov. 14. Enlisted volunteers willing to serve as Mister/Madam Vice or Sergeant-at-Arms should contact Senior Master Sgt. John Wolfe at Ext. 2021 or by e-mail.

## Commander clarifies underage drinking policy

*The Sept. 19 Silver Wings incompletely stated Mississippi's Blood Alcohol Content limit as .02 for drivers. This limitation is only for individuals ages 18-21. The Mississippi BAC for drivers 21 and older is .08. A full explanation follows:*

**Colonel Steve Schmidt**  
14 Flying Training Wing



During my commander's call last week, I stressed the importance of responsible alcohol use and warned of the consequences of acting irresponsibly. As part of my emphasis on personal responsibility, I took the following steps: (1) reiterated the drinking policy for individuals between the ages of 18 and 21, (2) directed group commanders to handle all alcohol-related incidents, and (3) authorized random entry point inspections. It is your responsibility to read and understand the information presented in this article to avoid the consequences of irresponsible drinking.

It is a privilege, not a right, that military members between the ages of 18 and 21 at Columbus Air Force Base may purchase, possess and consume light alcoholic beverages (wine and beer containing not more than 5 percent alcohol by weight) on the installation. Family members between the ages of 18 and 21 may possess and consume light alcoholic beverages only in the presence of their parent, legal guardian or spouse.

Although the law allows for responsible drinking, let me stress that Mississippi Law prohibits anyone between the ages of 18 and 21 from driving a vehicle, on or off base, with a .02 or higher blood alcohol content (BAC). DUI-regardless of the age of the offender-in the State of Mississippi can be a felony. The maximum punishments that can be imposed for DUI are a

fine of \$5,000, five years at the state penitentiary, suspension of driving privileges for five years, and the seizure and sale of your vehicle. Additionally, military members are subject to punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice and other adverse administrative actions. This may include court martial, Article 15, letter of reprimand, control roster, and/or administrative discharge.

Given the recent rash of alcohol-related incidents, I have directed that alcohol related misconduct be handled at the group level. Furthermore, in each occurrence involving an officer, General Cook and Major General Sandstrom receive personal notification regarding that incident. If it is determined that an Article 15 is warranted, it will be imposed by Major General Sandstrom. This is not the way to be recognized by a general officer.

Squadron, group commanders and I have implemented other stringent measures to curb irresponsible drinking. These measures include curfews and base entry checkpoints. Additionally, in accordance with AETC guidance, members of the faculty and staff of CAFB are not allowed to consume alcoholic beverages with students. If you are a military member, civilian employee or a contractor employee, you are a member of the staff and faculty or you are a student. This does not include drinking at official functions. This is nothing new, we are simply going to make a greater effort at ensuring the policy is followed.

I am committed to exhausting all legally permissible measures to reduce the level of irresponsible drinking by ALL CAFB personnel. I expect all personnel from E-1 through O-6, civilian personnel and contract employees to obey the law by drinking responsibly. I also expect each of you to do your part to ensure your CAFB team members obey the law as well.



1st Lt. Richard Blakewood

### Columbus Collegeview

**First Lt. Thomas Hunt and Capt. Joel Neeb, 37th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilots, woo Columbus high school students with literature about the Air Force Academy. Admissions and recruiting experts from more than 60 colleges and military services were at recent college fairs in Columbus.**

## International student spotlight



**2nd Lt. Meddouri Heni**  
Tunisian Air Force

**Home:**  
Beja, Tunisia

**Aircraft:**  
I want to fly the F-5.

**Likes about Columbus:**  
Columbus is a nice area to fly. Lots of airspace. Some good steak houses here too.

I like to go to the clubs in Starkville and also to the movies.

**Misses about home:**

I miss everything - my girlfriend, food, my family. All my friends too. [But many people have] helped us around here. Great instructors, classmates and instructor pilots.



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## To succeed, begin with end in mind

**Col. David Armstrong**  
14th Medical Group



Steven Covey's book *7 Habits of Highly Effective People* had a profound effect on me when I first read it in 1989, especially Habit 2 - "Begin with the End in Mind." Practicing this concept has significantly eased my life. Envisioning an endpoint to your work helps put matters in perspective. Daily failures and successes both become successes when viewed as a step toward a goal. Both success and failure help you learn and experiment with different approaches to resolving issues - a valuable experience that adds to your arsenal for the future.

To know the desired outcome on a particular matter is critical, for it enables you to visualize routes to that goal. This

is true in personal growth, in family, and in your work. You cannot succeed in one area and fail in the other for long. Family can be sacrificed for work, but someday work will end. When you leave the Air Force, will your family be with you? Will your children be independent, happy and successful in their own lives, or will they have had a parent that was not there for them when needed? You shape the next generation; you shape it now, while you are working, not after you retire.

Personal fulfillment is the same. Consider where and what you want to be 20 to 40 years from now. Do you intend to be alone, waiting for a heart/lung transplant? Do you wish to still have daily challenges, a spouse and family that you love and adore? Again, the seed you plant now will produce that outcome. Do you choose to smoke, have a few extra drinks, a few extra calories (my biggest problem), a few more hours

in front of the television? Do you choose to maintain anger at some person, situation, or events in your life? Only you can make the decision to alter the potential outcome of a situation.

Knowing where you wish to be, personally and with family, determines how you wish to work. Are your goals for money, for rank, for power or for self-fulfillment? All of us want some of each, but to what end? The first three are temporary, and each increases the need for more of the same. A life of exploration and rising to new challenges will always remain with you, and allow you to meet any life event better-equipped, more capable and ready to succeed.

Once you have determined what you wish for your life, write it down, keep it with you, review it, and modify it as you grow. Life will become much simpler, more enjoyable and much more rewarding.

## STRAIGHT TALK LINE

*The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better.*

*Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command.*

*The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names received are kept confidential.*

*Messages are answered in the Silver Wings without names. Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724.*

*The Straight Talk program is also on the Blazeweb at <https://columbusweb> and the main website at [www.columbus.af.mil](http://www.columbus.af.mil). Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.*

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## LETTERS

On behalf of Columbus-Lowndes Habitat for Humanity and the McCradic family, I'd like to express our heartfelt appreciation for the many hours of hard work the men and women of Columbus Air Force Base put forth in helping to provide a home for a very deserving family. There is no way I can express my gratitude for the sacrifices that were made by each of you to be on the work site each weekend over this past year. Even in the scorching heat, bitter cold and drenching rains you continued to see this home to completion.

What a blessing and humbling experience it has been to be able to work with such dedicated and committed individuals. Thank you does not begin to express the gratitude I feel toward each of you for such a job well done.

You have not only helped to provide a home for this family, but also hope for the future. Because of you this family has been able to move out of their poverty living arrangements and into a home they can be proud of. Thank you for being such a positive influence in this community.

*Jackie Hager, Executive Director  
Columbus-Lowndes Habitat for Humanity*

## Nowhere to run, nowhere to ride

**Question:** Is it possible to build a cycling/running path from the end of Magnolia housing to SAC Lake? At the present time, CAFB has no exercise area for cyclists or runners but the street. This could potentially be a safety issue, especially if members of a family (to include children) ride together. At my last installation, civil engineering accomplished a similar project mainly using a mini-dozer and asphalt. It made a path that routed through some wooded areas that were safe and quite peaceful, totaling seven miles round trip. As an alternative here, is it permissible for CAFB members wanting to cycle or run to use the golf course path for that purpose? I understand that the day or weekend hours might be unsafe, but during the evening or early morning hours it would be great. During these times there are not many players using the course.

**Answer:** Great suggestion. We are working a project to construct a running track with access from Magnolia housing to SAC Lake; however, we are still searching for a way to fund it. And thanks for the innovative approach to improve options for base runners and cyclists. Unfortunately, cycling/running on the Whispering Pines golf course cart path presents a safety problem. The course opens at 7 a.m. and closes at dusk and is not lighted. Please contact the base Fitness Center, Ext. 2773, for a cycling/running map as we work to develop more appropriate paths for our Columbus families. Stay tuned for more improvements as we all get in better shape under the new CSAF fitness program.

*Col. Steve Schmidt  
14th Flying Training Wing commander*

### Key phone numbers

Base Exchange.....	434-6013
Chaplain.....	434-2500
Civil Engineer Service Desk.....	434-2856
Civilian Personnel.....	434-2635
Clinic:	
Family Practice.....	434-2172
Appointment Desk.....	434-2273
After Hours Care.....	434-2273
Columbus Club.....	434-2489
Commissary.....	434-7106
Finance.....	434-2706
Housing Maintenance.....	434-7370
Inspector General.....	434-2927
Legal Office.....	434-7030
Military Equal Opportunity.....	434-2546
Security Forces.....	434-7129
Shoppette.....	434-6026





Kenn Brown

Airmen 1st Class Michael Matteo, Chad James and Michael Buckner, 14th Civil Engineering firefighters, fuel up for a demanding afternoon. The Cardinal Inn, like all Air Force dining facilities, offers lunch choices that are purchased under strict quality requirements and prepared under specific nutrition guidelines.

# Airmen determine dining hall menu changes

**Airman Boto Best**  
Public affairs

Thanks to the Airman's Dining Council, airmen can make suggestions concerning the Cardinal Inn dining facility menu.

The Columbus AFB ADC meets the second Tuesday of every month to discuss food service issues and improvements to the menu.

The council is made up of representatives from each squadron, who

are responsible for sharing the results of the meetings with and taking suggestions from other airmen in their squadrons.

"The ADC is the only forum we have to suggest changes to the menu," said Cynthia Golden, 14th Mission Support Group food services officer.

At the Sept. 9 meeting, members discussed a variety of topics including suggestions to serve boneless, skinless chicken breast burgers more frequently as well as a variety of cereals and chips.

As a result, the dining facility now offers a number of popular brand name cereals at breakfast, and chicken breast patties are now served on the short order menu.

"The dining facility is definitely improving," said Airman 1st Class Mary Baxter, 14th Comptroller Flight representative. "It needs to do more to accommodate everybody's healthy choice needs. With the Air Force's new fitness standards, a lot of people are more health conscious now," she said.

The facility offers required menus in accordance with Air Force instructions as well as a variety of fresh fruits and yogurts daily.

In addition, cultural, holiday and specialty meals are served, as well as

quarterly birthday meals.

Airmen interested in making suggestions should contact Ext. 2820 to find out who their squadron representatives are.



Kenn Brown

Senior Airman Tyler Armstrong, 14th Operations Support Squadron flight records aviation resource management helper, watches a CNN newscast during breakfast at the dining hall. The Cardinal Inn feeds both body and mind.

## Air Force Reserve Concert Band to perform Oct. 10 in Columbus

**Tech. Sgt. Becky Roady**  
Public affairs

The concert band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve is scheduled to perform at 7 p.m. Oct. 10 at the Mississippi University for Women Rent-Whitfield Auditorium kicking off Columbus Day weekend.

Tickets for the free concert are available on base at the family support center and library; off base at Kmart and Goose Hollow.

"A Journey of Flight: The Power of the Dream" is the theme of the night's show, which celebrates the Centennial of powered flight and features a variety of music, from traditional band literature to contemporary pop, rock and jazz.

The band is made up of 60 Air Force musicians

assigned to Headquarters, Air Force Reserve Command at Robins AFB, Ga. The band is the oldest - active or reserve - assigned to the Air Force, having continued from its formation as First Air Force Band in 1941 to the present, without a break in service.

The band supports military recruiting, morale and community relations events worldwide and has performed with such notable musicians as Celine Dion, Faith Hill and Wynonna. The band's appearances with personalities like Bob Hope, and at the Indianapolis 500, Orange Bowl and many other professional athletic events, have been broadcast on cable and network television.

For more information call Julie Leon-Guerrero at 328-2424 or visit [www.afrc.af.mil/hq/band](http://www.afrc.af.mil/hq/band).



Photo courtesy Band of the United States Air Force Reserve Office of Public Affairs

## Cholesterol Education Month ends Tuesday

**Capt. Nina Perino**  
14th Medical Group

Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of Americans, and high blood cholesterol is a major risk factor for heart disease; the higher cholesterol gets, the higher the risk.

When there is too much cholesterol in blood, it builds up over time and causes the arteries to be narrowed or even blocked. When an artery that carries blood to the heart becomes significantly blocked or narrowed, oxygen cannot

reach the heart. If the blood supply is completely cut off by a blockage, a heart attack results.

Cholesterol is broken down into three main sub-components:

❑ LDL (bad) cholesterol - the main source of buildup and blockage in the arteries

❑ HDL (good) cholesterol - keeps the cholesterol from building up in the arteries

❑ Triglycerides - another form of fat in the blood.

High cholesterol does not cause

symptoms, so a lipid profile test is the only way to find out cholesterol numbers.

To discuss heart disease risks or request a lipid profile test, schedule an appointment with a Primary Care Provider by calling 434-CARE.

More information on cholesterol and heart disease can be found on the National Institute of Health website at [www.nhlbi.nih.gov/about/ncep/index.htm](http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/about/ncep/index.htm).

The Health and Wellness Center offers a three-month cholesterol education class that includes screening. To enroll call Ext. 2477.

Hispanic Heritage Month began Sept. 15, on the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries - Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico achieved independence on Sept. 16, and Chile on Sept. 18. BLAZE team members here identify Hispanics who inspire them:

**2nd Lt. Anthony Campbell**  
37th Flying Training Squadron class 04-14

*John Leguizamo is a Hispanic I admire very much for his acting skills. He's done everything from Broadway to movies as diverse as "Spawn," "Empire," and "Moulin Rouge," and animated films, as well. He has such a broad range of acting abilities. His performances are always a surprise, and I'm impressed every time I see him.*



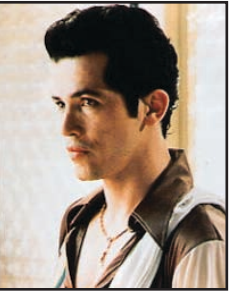
**John Leguizamo** was born July 22, 1964, in Bogot , Colombia to Alberto, a waiter and landlord, and Luz, a factory worker. When he was very young, his parents left both him and his younger brother with their grandparents and moved to Queens, New York. Once they found work, a place to live and were economically stable, the sent for their sons. Leguizamo was four years old when he moved to New York City, where he

grew up as an unruly youth.

Leguizamo's rebellious nature was responsible for eventually pushing his comedic tract. One of his teachers at Murry Bergtraum High School noticed his flare for humor and recommended that he try acting as an outlet for his energy. After graduating from high school, he attended New York University, majoring in drama studies, but he left after a year to join the comedy group Off Center Theater. He also attended the Strasberg Theater Institute and the H.B. Studio.

The first big role Lequizamo landed was on Miami Vice, and his movie career began shortly thereafter. He has since completed over two dozen more films and other projects, such as television and on- and off-Broadway stage shows, for which he has received numerous awards and award nominations.

Leguizamo is not only known for his talents as an actor and comedian, but as a director, producer and writer as well.



**'Shanah Tovah'**

## Rosh Hashanah begins tonight

**Tech. Sgt. Becky Roady**  
Public affairs

Rosh Hashanah, although known as the Jewish New Year, is a high holy day - not a time for drunken revelrie, midnight smooching or football bowl games like its secular American counterpart.

During the two-day holiday, Jews begin a period of introspection, reflecting on mistakes made in the past year and planning changes for the new one.

No work is permitted during Rosh Hashanah.

One of the most important observances during Rosh Hashanah is hearing the shofar, a ram's horn, in the synagogue. A total of 100 notes are sounded each day.

Another religious practice of the holiday is Tashlikh, or casting off. Jews walk to flowing water, such as a creek or river, and empty their pockets into the stream, symbolically casting off sins.

A popular custom during the holiday is eating apples dipped in honey to represent wishes for a sweet new year. Many families also put honey, rather than salt, on their bread at this time for the same reason.

Judaism has several new years (like the BLAZE team has a calendar year, school year and fiscal year). Rosh Hashanah celebrates the beginning of the calendar, Sabbathal and Jubilee years.

Saturday begins Jewish year 5764.



AT THE CHAPEL

**Jewish**  
**Friday**  
8 p.m. (Temple B’nai Israel Columbus)  
**Saturday & Sunday**  
10 a.m. (Temple B’nai Israel Columbus)  
**Protestant**  
**Sunday**  
9 a.m. — Sunday school  
10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship  
1 p.m. — Contemporary worship  
**Tuesday**  
Noon — Lunch and Bible study  
**Wednesday**  
5:30 p.m. — Dinner and Bible study  
**Catholic**  
**Sunday**  
9:15 a.m. — Mass  
10:30 a.m. — CCD  
5 p.m. — Confessions  
5:30 p.m. — Mass  
**Wednesday**  
11:30 a.m. — Mass

For Islamic, Orthodox or other services, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

IN THE THEATER

All movies are shown at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at the theater.

**Today**  
“*Pirates of the Caribbean*” (PG-13, action/adventure violence, 143 min.)  
Starring: Johnny Depp, Keira Knightley.

**Saturday**  
“*Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over*” (PG, action sequences and peril, 85 min.)  
Starring: Antonio Banderas, Carla Gugino.

ON CHANNEL 64

BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories.  
Call 1st Lt. Richard Blakewood at Ext. 7065 for more information.

**Weekdays**  
**9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.**  
*Air Force Television News*

**Monday through Oct. 3**  
**9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.**  
*CLEP Tapes:*  
Introduction to Management



Gone but not forgotten

First Lt. Camille Chigi, 48th Flying Training Squadron student pilot class 04-06, plays Amazing Grace on the bagpipes and Airman 1st Class Jacob Rewerts, 14th Medical Operations Squadron honor guard member, sounds Taps on the trumpet during the 14th Flying Training Wing POW/MIA Retreat Ceremony Sept. 19. The event recognized nine Mississippi military members missing in action or taken prisoner in Korea and Vietnam.



Airman Cecilia Rodriguez

FAMILY SUPPORT

**Lunch seminar:** A video presentation by Ed Foreman on “Achieving Excellence through Positive Attitudes” is scheduled for 11a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Wednesday at the family support center.  
Call Ext. 2631 to register by Tuesday.

**Communications instruction:** Interactive communications training is scheduled for 8 a.m. to noon Thursday at the family support center.  
Call Ext. 2631 to register by Tuesday.

**Parenting for prevention:** The video “Stop Enabling - Start Empowering” for parents of small children is scheduled for 11a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Oct. 7 at the family support center.  
Call Ext. 2631 to register by Oct. 6.

**New parent training:** A seminar by Readus Linton for expectant parents is scheduled for 3:30 to 5 p.m. Oct. 8 at the family support center.  
Call Ext. 2631 or 2790 to register by Oct. 6.

**Stress Workshop:** A workshop by Readus Linton on identifying, reducing and coping with stress is scheduled for 2 to

3:15 Oct. 8 at the family support center.  
Call Ext. 2790 to register by Oct. 6

**Computer studies:** Self-paced programs for learning Microsoft Office and PhotoDraw are available. Each program has three levels of expertise.  
For more information call Ext. 2839.

**Remote/deployed briefing:** Military people who are going remote or being deployed must attend a mandatory briefing offered at 9 a.m. daily.  
For more information call Ext. 2794.

**Pre-separation counseling:** Counseling is mandatory and may be completed up to one year prior to retirement or separation.  
For more information call Ext. 2839.

BASE NOTES

**Boy Scouts:** Troop 52 is scheduled to attend the Mississippi State University vs. Louisiana State University football game Saturday at Starkville. Members earn free admission by attending as a group in uniform and selling programs before the game. Scouts attending with their units when MSU plays Vanderbilt on “Scout Day” Oct. 4 get free admission.

The Fall Camporee is scheduled for Oct. 31 to Nov. 2 at Indian Ridge. The theme is "Emergency." Members of the Columbus AFB Fire Department will train the troop in First Aid and Emergency Preparedness at 9 a.m. Oct. 25 at the CAFB Fire Department.  
For more information on joining Troop 52 call Kayline Hamilton at Ext. 2504.

**Thrift Shop:** The thrift shop, Bldg. 345 on C Street, is open Tuesday 4 to 8 p.m. and Thursday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Consignments are accepted until one hour before closing.

**Bible studies:** Tuesday lunch study is based on “The Strength of Being Tender” by Phyllis LePeau.  
Wednesday dinner studies include “Elevate” for young adults with Chaplain Bryan Hochhalter, “The Victory” for everyone with Chaplain Lonnie Brooks, and “Wild and Wacky” for children with Joy Garrison.  
For more information call Ext. 2500.

**IDEA program:** Innovative Development through Employee Awareness recognizes and rewards suggestions on how the Air Force can do something faster, better or more cheaply. Submit ideas anytime via https://ideas.randolph.af.mil. For more information call Ext. 2398.



Pam Wickham

Trap shooting

Hud Hudnall and Dick Newcomer watch Lynn Gilgut take a shot from the trap station. The trap and skeet range offers an open house from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday with free food, beverages and instructors. Cost to shoot during the open house is \$2 for 25 rounds. Annual membership is \$30 per year or \$75 for three years. Open shooting is available at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Call Ext. 2507.

**Mongolian barbecue:** The Columbus Club offers a Mongolian barbecue from 5 to 8 p.m. tonight.  
For more information call Ext. 2490.

**All ranks bingo:** Games begin at 6 p.m. Fridays in the community center ballroom. Play five \$75 regular games, one \$125 odd and even coverall game and a \$1,000 progressive jackpot game. Consolation prize is \$150 if the jackpot does not go. Admission fees for non-members are \$5. Payout is based on a minimum number of players.  
For more information call Ext. 2489.

**Enlisted club music:** Disc jockey L.L. spins from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. tonight; CAFB Underground (techno) hosted by Scott Vandeplas Oct. 3.  
For more information call Ext. 2490.

**All-ranks brunch:** The Columbus Club offers a brunch for all ranks from 10:30 to 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$8.95 for members and \$10.95 for nonmembers.  
For more information call Ext. 2489.

**"Happy Burger" meal:** Stop by the Columbus Club Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to order a Happy Burger, fries and a drink for \$3.95; non-members pay \$5.95. A la carte and take-out available.  
To place an order call Ext. 2489.

**CJ's delivery service:** CJ's Restaurant offers a delivery service for anything on their menu from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Saturday.  
To place an order call 434-3078 .

**Football Frenzy:** Enter to win in the club's football frenzy program. The enlisted lounge is open Mondays from 6 to 10 p.m. The prizes include tickets to the Super Bowl and a Pro Bowl game. For details, stop by the club.

**Preschool story time:** The Library seeks volunteers to read for the preschool story time Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Program lasts approximately 30 minutes.  
For more information call Ext. 2934.

**Mississippi State Fair:** The youth center offers a trip to the Mississippi State Fair in Jackson Oct. 4. All family members are invited to attend but must register by Thursday at the youth center. Transportation is free but participants must pay for gate entry fees and attractions. The van departs at 7 a.m. and returns at approximately 6 p.m. Must have at least eight registered to offer.  
For more information call Ext. 2504.

**Catfish buffet:** Starting Oct. 3, the Columbus Club offers an all-you-can-eat catfish buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays. Cost is \$5.95 for members and \$7.95 for nonmembers. For more information call Ext. 2490.

Services folk aim to amaze BLAZE

**Lights On After School:** A program celebrating after-school programs in the community is scheduled for 4 to 5 p.m. at the youth center. The base honor guard will open the program. Children will lead tours, read poems and perform a short play.  
For more information call Terri Graves at Ext. 2504.

**Air Force Family and Teen Talent Contest:** The youth center hosts this contest at 2 p.m. Nov. 1. Contestants can enter in one of 11 categories: parent and child team; husband and wife team; children, ages 3-5; children, ages 6-8; preteen solo or group, ages 9-12; teen solo or group, ages 13-15 or ages 16-18; and family. Prizes will be awarded to winners. Participants must be registered by Oct. 10.  
For more information call Ext. 2504.

**Photography and art contests:** Deadline for entering the skills development center's annual photography contest is Oct. 10; deadline for the artist/craftsman's contest is Oct. 17. Competition is open to youth (ages 17 and younger) and adults.  
For more information stop by the center or call Ext. 7836.

**National Football League trip:** The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to New Orleans to watch the New Orleans Saints play the Chicago Bears Oct. 11 to 12. Cost is \$99 per person and includes transportation, one night lodging (double occupancy), accommodations at the Radisson on Canal Street and a ticket to the game. The bus will leave the community center at 8 a.m. Saturday and return Sunday evening.  
For more information call Ext. 7861.

**Open mic night:** The enlisted lounge's first open mic night is scheduled for Oct. 17.  
If interested in performing call Senior Airman Jonathan Morgan at Ext. 3561.

**Youth classes:** The youth center offers instruction in karate, voice, tumbling, guitar, tennis, dance and sign language.  
For more information call Ext. 2504.

**Quick shot bingo:** The bowling center offers quick shot bingo any time the bowling center is open.  
Cash prizes are awarded. Cards are \$1 each.

**Birthday parties:** Strike Zone Lanes offers three different birthday party packages ranging in price from \$3.50 to \$4.75 per person. Stop by to pick up a brochure describing each package.  
For more information call Ext. 2426.

**Special parties:** The Columbus Club offers a full-service catering program to include promotion parties, weddings, retirement ceremonies or special anniversary parties.  
For more information call Ext. 2489.



# Cemeteries around the untouched city

**Russell D. James, M.A.**  
Columbus-Lowndes Public Library



Any old city has cemeteries. Many base personnel have lived in cities with cemeteries older than Columbus's, or with more important people buried in them. Maybe they have lived in Washington D.C., where Arlington National Cemetery highlights any historic tour. But Columbus has a few cemeteries of its own that are worthwhile to learn about and to visit. On the historic bus tours offered by the Columbus Historic Foundation, people can learn about these cemeteries in great depth, as well as have fun learning about the old houses and other local history.

A favorite cemetery of your writer is Historic Sandfield Cemetery. This cemetery is located on College Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard South. There are actually two cemeteries here, both with the name Sandfield. The larger plot of ground, where persons are no longer buried, is the Historic Sandfield portion. The other portion, on the east side of the road, is the newer part where people are still interred.

This cemetery boasts of having many African-American leaders of Columbus history. To name just a few: Robert Gleed was a runaway slave sold back into slavery in Columbus during the Civil War who later served on city council and as a state senator from Lowndes County during Reconstruction. Richard Denthrift Littlejohn was the proprietor of The New Light newspaper and a local businessman. J. M. Coleman was a local pastor who ran the Penny Savings Bank, the only

African-American owned and operated bank in Columbus history. Dr. T. V. James was a physician with an office on Catfish Alley who was the first Columbus African-American to own an automobile. William Isaac Mitchell was the first principal of Union Academy, the first school for African-Americans in Columbus. Simon Mitchell (no known relation to William) was a police officer and justice of the peace during Reconstruction. And Jack Rabb owned a meat market, grocery store, and liquor store across from the courthouse after buying his freedom before the Civil War.

The premier cemetery in Columbus is Friendship Cemetery. It has always been a white cemetery and until recently only one African American was known to be buried there. Now we know of a second and there may be more. Friendship Cemetery was originally a burial ground for members of the Odd Fellows fraternal organization. The city purchased the property in the 1880s and the middle and elite classes of white Columbus began burying their dead here. The cemetery boasts the burial grounds of William Cocke, Revolutionary War general and county judge, William and Henry Whitfield, grandfather and grandson governors of Mississippi, five Confederate generals, over 1,500 Confederate soldiers who died in Columbus hospitals in the aftermath of the Battle of Shiloh, and 1,500 Confederate veterans, not to mention over 2,000 more veterans of other wars from the War of 1812 to the Gulf War.

Friendship Cemetery is the place where the annual "Tales from the Crypt" program is held each year during the Columbus Pilgrimage. More on the program and the Pilgrimage next time.

## BARGAIN LINE

### Coming attractions

- Sept. 30:** Mississippi Cooks. Area chefs, tastings and demonstrations, and booths highlighting foods, home interiors, healthy living and entertaining. Trotter Convention Center, 5th Street North, downtown Columbus. Tickets are \$5 per person. For more information call WCBI at (662) 327-4444.
- Oct. 2 to 4:** 14th Annual Magnolia State 100 at Columbus Speedway. Grandstand admission is free. For more information visit [www.midsouthracing.com/columbus](http://www.midsouthracing.com/columbus).
- Oct. 4:** Hazel Blue in concert 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. at the Princess Theatre. Admission is \$4 per person.
- Oct. 8:** Golden Triangle Employment Expo at the Trotter Convention Center in downtown Columbus. For more information call Mark Horning at 434-2839.
- Oct. 10:** Mississippi State University homecoming parade in Starkville. For more information call Laurie Carlisle at 325-7413.
- Oct. 11 to 12:** Columbus Day Celebration in downtown Columbus with retail specials, prizes and live entertainment. For more information call 328-6305 or visit [www.columbusmainstreet.com](http://www.columbusmainstreet.com).
- Oct. 11:** Trash to Treasures flea market, antiques, and craft exhibits at the Columbus Fairgrounds, Highway 69 South. For more information call Heather Pack at 328-5147.

## Columbus Mud Pies #2 in Air Force Marathon co-ed relay

More than a dozen athletes from Columbus AFB were among the 3,300 participants from 48 states and eight foreign countries who ran in the seventh Air Force Marathon Sept. 20 At Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Opening ceremonies took place at 6:30 a.m. and individual runners began the 26.2-mile race at 7:05. Relay teams and half-marathon runners began at 7:30 a.m. and 5K runners at 8 a.m.

"Not only was the marathon extremely well organized, but the friendly competition among participants bolstered the general feeling that we are all really on the same team - as Americans, and more particularly as military members," said Columbus AFB runner Wes Hales.

The Mud Pies, a four-person team from Columbus AFB, placed second overall in the co-ed relay category. Anthony Cook, Wes Hales, Andrea Misener and Alphonso Rosales finished the marathon with a combined time of 3:02:11.

"As a team we set a goal to finish in the top five in the co-ed division, so naturally we were thrilled to place second out of 73 teams," Hales said.

Alphonso Rosales echoed his enthusiasm. "I was pretty excited about our second place finish," he said. "I had only learned about the race a few weeks prior and didn't

have much time to prepare for it, but I was more than happy with the outcome. My teammates really came through and we had a lot of fun. I used to run competitively and was excited about racing again."

Overall marathon individual male winner was Hendrick Vanloon of Kleine-Brogel, Belgium, at 2:37:44. Overall individual female winner was Jill Metzger of Ramstein Air Base, Germany, at 3:05:35.

Lt. Gen. Dick Reynolds, Aeronautical Systems Center commander, presented awards to the top three finishers in all categories.

The 2004 Air Force Marathon is scheduled for Sept. 18. (AFPN)



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### Autocross excitement

Major Brian Henderson, event coordinator, helps WCBI reporter Randi Rico strap into a 1972 Porsche 914 during the Sports Car Club of America autocross event at Columbus AFB Saturday. Miss Rico rode shotgun during one of Major Henderson's runs through the course. Below, Walt Roddy of Canton, Miss. maneuvers his car through the cones.



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## SHORTS

### No-tap bowling

No-tap bowling begins at 7 p.m. today at the bowling alley. Sign up by 6:45 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. Bowling expertise not required. Call Ext. 2426.

### Youth bowling

Saturday youth bowling begins at 10 a.m. for ages 5 to 11 and 12:30 p.m. for ages 12 and older. Cost is \$6 per week. Call Ext. 2426.

### Fall soccer league

Military, civilian and adult family members are invited to play FIFA soccer behind the officers club Sunday afternoons. Visit [www.geocities.com/columbusfutbol](http://www.geocities.com/columbusfutbol).

### Lunch-hour fitness

The Health and Wellness Center offers women-only circuit training Tuesdays and Thursdays, and step aerobics Wednesdays and Fridays, at noon. Call Ext. 2908.

### Martial arts

Students five and older can take Tae Kwon Do between 6 and 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at the youth center. Cost is \$40 per month. Call Ext. 2404.

### Tennis instruction

The youth center offers tennis lessons for ages five and older. Cost is \$40 monthly for two 1-hour (ages 8 up) or 45-minute (7 and under) lessons per week. Call Ext. 2504.

### Fitness 101

Basic class teaches how to find target heart rate, use the fitness equipment and get results. Classes are by appointment only. Call Ext. 2773.

### Circuit training

Advanced class focuses on the benefits on circuit training. Classes are by appointment only. Fitness 101 is a prerequisite. Call Ext. 2773.

### Personal trainers

Certified personal trainers are available to help tailor routines for individual ability, more variety or a better workout. Call Ext. 2773.

### Aerobics

The fitness center offers 15 different classes, from step to kickboxing and spinning to yoga, every week. Pick up a schedule at the front desk, or call Ext. 2772.